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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Monday, March 30, 2015
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1183, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO STATE LAND MAMMAL**

Senate Bill 1183, Senate Draft 1 would designate the Ōpeʻapeʻa, the Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*) as the state land mammal. The Ōpeʻapeʻa is an endemic subspecies of the North American hoary bat known to breed on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Oahu. Hawaii's only land mammal, the Ōpeʻapeʻa is federally and state listed as endangered. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill.**

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SB1183 SD1
RELATING TO STATE LAND MAMMAL

House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts

March 30, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Room 312

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB1183 SD1, which highlights the unique and delicate nature of our island ecosystems, through the recognition of our endemic ‘ōpe‘ape‘a as the state land mammal.

Native and endemic fauna such as the ‘ōpe‘ape‘a provide us with specific and memorable examples of the uniqueness and intrinsic value of our natural resources, which support the economic, cultural, recreational, and scientific foundations of our islands. The endangered ‘ōpe‘ape‘a, as the only native land mammal in our state, is itself a particularly poignant example of the evolutionary exceptionalism of our indigenous fauna, and its current conservation status further highlights the vulnerability of our native and endemic life. Recognizing the ‘ōpe‘ape‘a, or Hawaiian Hoary Bat, as an official animal of the state would therefore do much to remind us of our reliance upon, and our culturally-rooted responsibility to steward, our environment and its natural and cultural resources.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB1183 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.